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DIST 28 FEBRUARY 1968

COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: 26-27 FEBRUARY 1968

SUBJECT: FURTHER INFORMATION ON PATHET LAO ATTACK ON
PAK OU, NORTH OF LUANG PRABANG

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (27 FEBRUARY 1968) FIELD NO :

SOURCE:

1. ON 26 FEBRUARY 1968 ABOUT 50 ENEMY SOLDIERS, INCLUDING MANY NORTH VIETNAMESE, ENTERED THE VILLAGE OF PAK OU (TH 1517) NORTH OF LUANG PRABANG IN TWO COLUMNS. THEY LINED UP INSIDE THE VILLAGE AND CALLED OUT THE WORD "CHIEF" IN LAO. WHEN THE CHIEF OF POLICE, LIEUTENANT PHANG, STEPPED OUT OF HIS HOUSE TO SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING, THEY SHOT AND KILLED HIM. THEN THEY WENT INTO HIS HOUSE AND TOOK SEVERAL ITEMS, INCLUDING ONE FM-5 POLICE RADIO. THEY THEN WENT TO THE HOUSE OF THE PAK OU CANTON CHIEF WHERE A PARTY WAS BEING HELD FOR LOCAL SENIOR OFFICIALS; THEY CAPTURED THE PAK OU CANTON CHIEF, THE MUONG SAI DISTRICT CHIEF, AND ONE POLICEMAN. THEY KILLED THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE MUONG SAI DISTRICT CHIEF.

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THEY LATER ALLOWED THE TWO CHIEFS TO ESCAPE, BUT STILL HOLD THE POLICEMAN. THE PAK OU CANTON CHIEF WAS WOUNDED AND IS NOW IN LUANG PRABANG HOSPITAL. ONE COMPANY OF LAO ARMED FORCES TROOPS PURSUED THEM ON 27 FEBRUARY. [] COMMENT: [] REPORTED THE ATTACK ON PAK OU.)

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